



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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On St Margaret Clitherow - see pg 6 -|- Letter of our Archbishops - see pg 7

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| Sunday 3 May | 10.30am Parish Mass <i>Hymns and Readings pgs 5-6</i> | <i>Parish Family</i> |
| Monday 4 May | | <i>Gordon Richard Daley</i> |
| Tuesday 5 May | | <i>Colin Stevenson</i> |
| Wednesday 6 May | 11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Marian Devotions and Benediction | <i>John Mannion</i> |
| Thursday 7 May | | <i>Trevor John Jones</i> |
| Friday 8 May | 12.00nn Angelus and a Decade of the Rosary for May | <i>Anne Hendricks Bass</i> |
| Saturday 9 May | | <i>Michael Liffey</i> |
| Sunday 10 May | 10.30am Parish Mass | <i>Parish Family</i> |

Fr Anthony continues to each day celebrate Mass at one or other of our Churches. If any wish their own Mass intentions to be celebrated, please let Fr Anthony know in the usual manner.
And let us all pray for a speedy end to Covid-19 and the well-being of each and all.



Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith, we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together, we may give glory to your holy name.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

From Fr Anthony

The teaching of our Church is clear, that Mary's glory is due to her being chosen to be the Mother of Christ. She was and is, no less than anyone else, entirely dependent on God. The Catechism of our Church says this:

To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel, at the moment of the annunciation, salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.



Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses - The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved from all stain of original sin.

The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary ... "in Christ with every spiritual blessing" ... and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love".

The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy", and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.

But that is not to say that Mary had no choice. She still had to personally consent to doing the Father God's will:

At the announcement that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that "with God nothing will be impossible": "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word." Thus, giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus ... She gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace.

Things happening in our Parish

Marian Devotions During May, **each Friday** at 12.00nn, the Angelus and a decade of the Rosary are to be live-streamed, via our Parish Facebook site. It will take but a few minutes, but can make a big difference to the day. Do share in this, if you can.

This Wednesday, our 11.30am streamed Service will take the form of Rosary and Benediction.

Do remember that our Parish Newsletter is updated, after each weekend, to provide details and hymns for the coming Wednesday Mass or Service.

Sing-a-long music sessions with religious themes, led by our Diocesan Music Team, are now being streamed daily at www.schoolssingingprogramme.org.uk. These are for children especially, but grown ups can join in.

Are you being crafty? There are still quite a lot who have to and whom we need to go out to work. Then, too, many have discovered that working from home requires more time and energy than going out to work.

However, if you are managing to take time out to be crafty (sewing, sculpting, wood turning, etc, etc), maybe you might save some of your creations to donate to our next Parish Fayre!?

Also, there are well-founded rumours that a *table top sale* might be held later this year, when you might want to display your own crafted goods to the profit of both yourself and also our Parish.



Masses for The Sick, Care-providers, and their families, are being live-streamed Thursdays, 7.00pm, from around Catholic Cathedrals (with their respective Bishops). See the Bishops' Conference website www.cbcew.org.uk for the appropriate link.



Parish Facebook Not signed up? We have a growing Parish Facebook community, to be found at [Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe](https://www.facebook.com/ParishoftheSacredHeartHemsworthandStJosephsMoorthorpe).

Some useful Connections

Mass and other Liturgies from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Mass Sundays 11.00am, weekdays 10.30am, from our Diocesan Cathedral: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

Readings for Sunday and weekday Masses, the daily Divine Office, and more: www.universalis.com

Texts of daily Masses & more: www.magnificat.com/free

For information, prayer resources including educational, and for Children's Liturgies: www.cafod.org.uk

Mass and other devotions via American EWTN channel, on satellite TV: or www.ewtn.com

Try www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w for prayer, teaching, & more with Fr Stephen Wang

Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.

Sacraments

Baptism A Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, is provisionally planned to occur in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 10 & 17 Jun**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations will hopefully next be celebrated, for our Deanery Parishes, early in 2021 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. Details about applications will be announced when more is known..

First Reconciliation/Communion Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. *Parents and their Children* will be notified when we can resume, but they should please keep in their diaries all the dates given for the Preparation Programme for First Eucharist.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

Should there arise an unusual urgency regarding Baptism, please consult with Fr Anthony or another priest.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In the earliest Christian churches, baptistries were at the church entrance and often in a separate small building by the church entrance. This position reminded the Christians of their Baptism, through which they became beloved children of God, and of the rights and privileges they enjoyed by being members of God's family, included the right to enter the church and share in its celebrations.

The first Churches (like our own two Parish Churches) tended to be built in the basilica style (with a rectangular floor space, usually). Why was this?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A young boy approached his father to ask,
"Dad, why does the wind blow?"
"I don't know son."
"Dad, where do the clouds come from?"
"I'm not sure son."



"Dad, what makes a rainbow?"
"No idea son."
"Dad, do you mind me asking you all these questions?"
"Not at all, son. How else are you going to learn?"

Parish Monies

Thank you very much for recent donations:

Recent Offertories

To be announced soon.

Collections, etc

Any unable to donate in other ways might, please, text -

CHURCH SHSJ to 70500

to contribute £5 to our Parish Offertory. This might be done weekly, fortnightly, or other, depending on your circumstances.

GOD OF SURPRISES

The inner journey in ourselves is not linear; The route spirals through our layers of consciousness. At one level of consciousness I may have journeyed towards the God of surprises, yet at a deeper level I may realise that I have hardly begun and must consult the guidebook again.

Where Your Treasure is.

The treasure is within you. In this chapter I shall give an example of a man who did begin to discover the treasure within himself and also some examples of people who had the treasure, but did not recognise it. We shall then look more closely at this inner life, its chaotic complexity, which refuses to be ignored, and how it affects every aspect of our individual and corporate life.

The Jesuit Order was founded in the sixteenth century by a Basque nobleman called Inigo of Loyola, later known as St. Ignatius Loyola. Inigo was brought up in the Spanish court and emerged in his late twenties wild, lively, vain, ambitious, lustful, daring and courageous. He was aggressively orthodox. Even after his conversion he was planning to kill a Moor who, in casual conversation, had questioned Our Lady's virginity. Fortunately for the Moor, Inigo left the decision to his mule which, with better discernment than its master, took another road and the Moor lived on.



Inigo's moral and devotional life did not match his orthodoxy.

In 1521 he was defending the city of Pamplona against French troops, who were very superior in numbers. The city governor wanted to surrender; but Inigo insisted on fighting on, until a cannon ball struck him, badly damaging his legs. The victors did their crude best for the wounded prisoner and sent him home to Loyola to recover. For months he lay in great pain, whiling away his time in daydreams which lasted three or four hours. He imagined the great deeds he would perform when better and the great lady whose love he would win, but the days were long and he asked for novels to distract him. Loyola castle did not have any novels, so he had to content himself with a Life of Christ by a Carthusian, Ludolph of Saxony, and a collection of saints' lives. While reading these he began on a second series of daydreams, and now he was imagining himself outdoing the saints in their austerities. One saint, Humphrey of the desert, who seemed to be able to live on herbs, fresh air and prayer particularly fascinated him. Inigo was now saying to himself, 'If Humphrey can do it, so can I. If Dominic and Francis can do it, so can I.' For weeks he alternated between the two kinds of daydream until suddenly he noticed something which was to change not only his own life, but millions of other peoples' lives as well.



To be continued . . .

From: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially Gordon Richard Daley,
Trevor John Jones, Betty Parkinson, and their families



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, David Olbison
John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew, and all our housebound

Noting present restrictions on funerals, please be assured that when we can again gather in numbers,
families will be welcome to arrange for a Memorial Mass or Service, at our Churches, for their deceased.

The Word: Year A, Eastertide, Sunday 4, Commentary

Gospel: John 10:1-10

In each year of the three-year cycle of readings this fourth Sunday of Easter is designated Good Shepherd Sunday, with readings from the parable given in John 10. In the first two Sundays after Easter the meetings with the Risen Lord are described, but after that the most important truth about the Risen Lord which the Church puts before us is that this Jesus whom we encounter is the Good Shepherd. In the Old Testament God is the Shepherd of Israel, and indeed in the neighbouring pastoral nations too the protective deity of the nation is commonly called their 'Shepherd'. As the pastoral ancient world well knew, the duty of shepherds is to care devotedly for the sheep, with no regard to the personal cost to themselves. Ezekiel repeatedly castigates the recent leaders of Israel for their failure to care for the sheep and for managing the flock for their own personal advantage. It is especially striking that in all four gospels the divine title of Shepherd is transferred from God to Jesus himself, at least implying not only that Jesus is the perfect shepherd, but also that he is the incarnation of that divine Shepherd, fulfilling the duties which had hitherto been credited to the God of Israel alone. By his selfless generosity Jesus is the model for rulers and leaders of nations.



First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Last Sunday we heard Peter's explanation of the Resurrection as the fulfilment of God's plan which had been outlined in the scriptures. Now we hear the practical consequences: baptism to wash away sin and reception of the Holy Spirit (like Christ at his own baptism). From the very beginning Luke shows that baptism and the promises are for all people, not just for the Jews. All are welcome into Christ's company. But we must first understand what Peter (and before him Jesus and even John the Baptist) meant by 'repentance'. It is not a doleful moping over sin. It is a change of life, a complete change of our scale of values. The Greek word for 'repentance' means a changed mind-set. The corresponding Hebrew word

means turning round and going in the opposite direction. 'Repentance', then, is a serious business, not to be undertaken lightly. Careful scrutiny reveals that we may well have unswept corners where the old standards remain lurking, breeding and reproducing. The Christian is baptised into Christ and into Christ's death in order to rise to new life with Christ, but even St Paul acknowledges that we remain caught up in doing the evil we want to avoid.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

One of the most striking things about this passage is that it is addressed primarily to slaves, exhorting them to bear with the harsh treatment of their masters after the model of Jesus' own acceptance of harsh treatment. What is staggering for us is that the author does not in the least question the institution of slavery nor sees injustice in that savage treatment which slaves tended to receive. It was not for a millennium and a half that the treatment of slaves and indeed the institution of slavery itself were seen to be incompatible with Christ's teaching on the equal dignity and limitless value of every individual human being. As Pope Benedict pointed out on his visit to Britain in 2010, the extension of this important principle of social justice to slaves is due to the work of Christian political movements in Britain. However, another principle underpinning our reading remains - that we all suffer to a greater or lesser degree, and that our suffering offers a priceless opportunity to draw close to the suffering Christ, and consciously to share in his redemptive suffering. Nor must the suffering of others in union with Christ be neglected. It is easy to despise the poorer and more neglected members of society, and to forget that, by their very disadvantages, they can be the chosen favourites of the Lord.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Easter, Sunday 5

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper
Mon Common of Martyrs + National Proper
Tues + Seasonal Proper
Wed + Seasonal Proper
Thu + Seasonal Proper + Diocesan Proper
Fri + Seasonal Proper
Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon English Martyrs
Tue Weekday of Easter
Wed Weekday of Easter
Thu St John of Beverley, Bishop
Fri Weekday of Easter
Sat Weekday of Easter

Year A, Eastertide, Marian Service and Benediction, Wednesday 6 May

Gathering Hymn

As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Chorus Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
ev'ry dream and wish are yours.
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.

Maria Parkinson



Three Mysteries of the Rosary follow:

The Annunciation (1st Joyful Mystery)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

The Nativity (3rd Joyful Mystery)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Presentation (Fourth Joyful Mystery)

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar and then all sing:

My soul is filled with joy,
as I sing to God my saviour:
he has looked upon your servant,
he has visited your people.

*Chorus And Holy is his name,
through all generations!
Everlasting is his mercy
to the people he have chosen,
and Holy is his name.*

I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
for all men will call be blessed.

I proclaim the pow'r of God,
he does marvels for his servants;
though he scatters the proud-hearted,
and destroys the might of princes.

To the hungry he gives food,
send the rich away empty.
In his mercy he is mindful
of the people he has chosen,

In his love he now fulfils
what he promised to our fathers.
I will praise the Lord, my saviour,
everlasting is his mercy,

Anonymous

There follows a short time for quiet reflection.



All pray the 'Soul of Christ . . .' and then repeat the phrases of the Divine Praises.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from thee.
From the wicked foe defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to thee,
that with thy saints I may praise thee,
for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Benediction, with the Sacrament, all sing:

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be ev'ry moment thine.

A true Yorkshire Lass

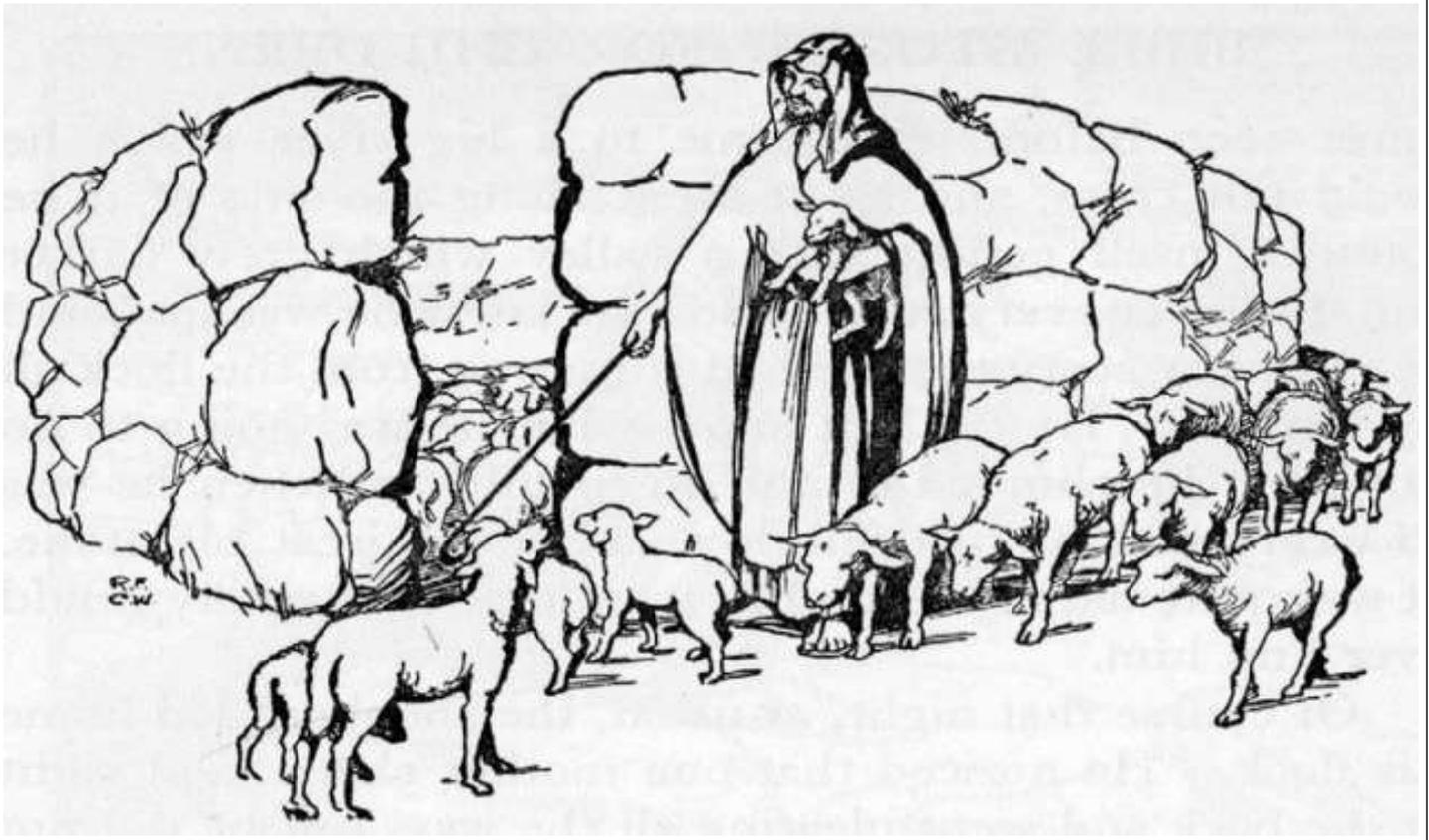


This Monday is the Feast of the English Martyrs. Quite a few were from our own County and a great favourite is Margaret Clitherow. St Margaret Clitherow is a true Yorkshire lass, and with York as her home, she is sometimes called "the Pearl of York". She was pressed to death under stones, placed on a board laid across her. She refused to enter a plea to the charge of harbouring Catholic priests (which meant she could not be put on trial), so that her family would be spared from being called as witnesses. For if they were called, they would have either had to lie, or admit that she secretly took in priests, when it was a crime to be a Catholic priest or associate with one. Where she lived, with her husband, can still be found - in central York, along the street known as the *Shambles*.

Born: 1556, York **Martyred:** 25 March, 1586, York **Feast Day:** 30 August
Husband: John Clitherow **Daughter:** Anne Clitherow

And especially for our Children

'I am the gate of the sheepfold', Jesus said. 'Anyone who enters through me will be safe.'



All fourteen words and names below can be found in the Gospel for this Sunday - but only twelve can be found in the Word Search - which two are missing from the Word Search?

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| GATE | STRANGER |
| THIEF | KILL |
| BRIGAND | PARABLE |
| FLOCK | PASTURE |
| GATEKEEPER | SAFE |
| HEAR | STEAL |

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Two missing words Kill Brigand

A Letter from the Archbishops of England and Wales

A People who Hope in Christ

A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England and Wales

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: 'In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side.' (27 March 2020)

The impact of Covid-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of Covid-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments. Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully though 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and wellbeing.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing

Yours devotedly in Christ,

- ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

